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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Ford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Mueller-Schmidt House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 112 East Vine			
CITY OR TOWN: Dodge City			
STATE Kansas	CODE 67801	COUNTY: Ford	CODE 057

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Ford County			
STREET AND NUMBER: Ford County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Dodge City	STATE: Kansas	CODE 67801	CODE 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Ford County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Dodge City	STATE: Kansas	CODE 67801	CODE 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mueller-Schmidt House at 112 East Vine in Dodge City is a rectangular two-story stone residence with a full basement. The native yellow-brown limestone is cut in uniform heights and is laid in regular horizontal courses. The stone face is unusually rough, giving a heavy coarse texture to the building. Sharply contrasting with the wall texture is the smooth quoining at the four corners. The first floor level is raised several feet above ground level permitting large windows in the basement.

An ornate porch centered on the front facade over the double entrance doors is a replica of the original porch. The porch steps are stone and the original wood porch floor has been replaced with concrete. The railing around the porch and down the steps is of wood newel post design. Paired square columns flank the head of the steps. Ornamental brackets make the transition from the columns to the porch cornice. A balustrade is mounted above the porch cornice.

The house roof is gabled, with decorative fascia boards, and the gable ends are stone. A cross gable is centered above the front entrance. Window openings on the first floor are simple rectangles with stone sills. The window heads are shallow curves of stone extending partially down each jamb. A keystone is located in each window head. Windows on the second floor are similar to those on the first floor except that the heads are semicircular. The front door is a French multi-paned door with a shallow head trim.

This building is an excellent example of stone vernacular architecture.

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### 3. SIGNIFICANCE

#### PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1879-80

#### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     |  | <u>Western settlement</u>                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |   |

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Construction of the Mueller-Schmidt House in Dodge City was begun in 1879 by John Mueller and completed 18 months later. Mueller was assisted in the construction by William Hessman and sons, who did the stone work, and William Strubel, who finished the woodwork. A boot maker in Dodge City, Mueller also ran large herds of cattle near the town. Because of a blizzard in 1886, most of the cattle were lost and he was forced to sell the home for financial reasons.

Adam Schmidt, a Dodge City blacksmith who came to the United States from Bavaria, Germany, purchased the stone house from Mueller in 1890; his family owned the house until 1965. The only major changes made to the structure during their occupancy were to the front porch and the first floor kitchen. In October, 1965, the Ford County commissioners purchased the house from Schmidt's daughter, Elma Schmidt, for use as a museum by the Ford County Historical Society. A porch resembling the original replaced the one added by the Schmidt family. Several items of furniture were left in the home by Miss Schmidt. The building is now open to the public with guided tours offered.

The Mueller-Schmidt House is an excellent example of the stone vernacular architecture of the Kansas plains as executed by the more affluent Kansans of the 1870's and 1880's. The building is also one of the two oldest homes in Dodge City.

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The Home of Stone," Two page brochure, (n. p., n. d.).  
 Rath, Ida Ellen, Early Ford County (North Newton, Kan., Mennonite Press, 1964), pp. 220-224.  
 Schmidt, Heinie, "Early Dodge City House Recalls 'Village Blacksmith,'" (Dodge City) High Plains Journal, February 4, 1960.  
 Schmidt, Heinie, "It's Worth Repeating--The Western Village Blacksmith," (Dodge City) High Plains Journal, September 14 and September 21, 1950.  
 "Schmidt Home to Become Historical Society Home," Dodge City Globe, October 12, 1965.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds
NW	0' "	0' "		0' "	37	45 20
NE	0' "	0' "		0' "	100	00 54
SE	0' "	0' "				
SW	0' "	0' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant  
 Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: April 30, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Nyle H. Miller  
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date Nov. 30, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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